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Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Fire Update

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Parks Lift Fire Restrictions

Due to recent rain, cooler temperatures, and shorter days, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks are lifting fire restrictions that have been in effect since July 18, 2003. Even with restrictions lifted, visitors must still follow the parks' year-round regulations concerning campfires:

- Keep fires small, in a safe area, and away from overhanging limbs
- Gather only dead and down wood; do not cut limbs from trees
- Extinguish fires at least ½ hour before leaving camp; add water and stir the ashes
- Use a designated campfire ring when camping in campgrounds
- If you are backpacking, you are responsible for knowing the fire regulations where you travel. Check with the wilderness office about your destination (559-565-3766). Fires are prohibited in some areas of the backcountry due to fragile soil and scarcity of wood.

Would you like more information about fire? Go to www.nps.gov/seki. Click on "Current Fire Information" under *Quick Links*. You will find press releases (including this one), fire restrictions, smoke information, and the annual project list.

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